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SUBJECT: LAR LABOR SECRETARY ELECTED PRESIDENT OATUU

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1. OATUU DELEGATES ELECTED LAR PRESIDENT OF GENERAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS ALHAJ EL NEFFISHI CHAIRMAN OF THAT ORGANIZATION DURING CLOSING SESSION OF ITS CONFERENCE APRIL 23. ACCORDING TO LAR PRESS SERVICE REPORT APRIL 25, NEFFISHI WILL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS.

2. IN OTHER BELATEDLY RELEASED INFORMATION ON RESULTS OF CONFERENCE, LAR PRESS REVIEW OF APRIL 26, REPORTS OATUU DELEGATES REPORTEDLY ADOPTED RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAELI OCCUPATION IN WEST BANK OF JORDAN, AND CALLED FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES. RESOLUTION ALSO CALLED FOR RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN "NATIONAL RIGHTS," AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PALESTINIAN STATE.

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3. ANOTHER RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ALLOW AFRICAN LABOR UNIONISTS PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. DELEGATES ALSO CALLED ON AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT TRADE UNIONIST FREEDOMS.

4. DELEGATES REPORTEDLY CONDEMNED MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF MAJOR POWERS IN INDIAN OCEAN, AND REQUESTED OCEAN BE DELARED "REGION OF PEACE."

5. LOCAL PRESS SERVICE ALSO REPORTS LAR PM JALLOUD INTRODUCTORY SPEECH WAS ADOPTED BY ATUU DELEGATES AS "AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE CONFERENCE TO BE REFERRED TO IN ITS WORKS, RESOLUTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS." SPEECH REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED AS "FUNDAMENTAL STARTING POINT FOR ORGANIZATIONS FUTURE DIRECTION AND WORKS FOR SAKE UNITY OF AFRICA, ITS WORKING FORCES AND STEADFASTNESS AGAINST IMPERIALIST CURRENTS."

COMMENT: CHAIRMANSHIP TO LAR UNIONIST UNDERSTANDABLY PRICE DELEGATES PAID FOR LARG SPONSORSHIP OF CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, OATUU WILL NEED MORE THAN JALLOUD'S BANAL DIATRIBES AGAINST WEST, AND CALL FOR AFRICAN LABOR UNIONISTS PARTICIPATION IN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AS GUIDANCE IF FLEDGING ORGANIZATION IS TO GAIN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION IT SEEKS.

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